

## Try It Out!

We know that different households have different recycling needs. Try your blue cart for a month or two to start. If you find that the cart isn't right for you, call us and we'll remove it for you. You can use your recycling bin instead.

And, if you're in an area that uses bins but you think you have room for a cart, let us know that, too. We'll do our best to bring you one after citywide distribution is completed.

## Questions?

Contact the Mayor's Citywide Call Center at 202/727-1000.

## Here is a Tip!

If you're having trouble fitting all your recyclables into the blue cart, break down your cereal and shoe boxes, crush cans and tamp down paper. Flatten large pieces of corrugated cardboard and set them beside the cart.

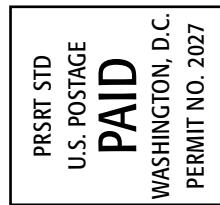
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# RECYCLING AT HOME



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## Recycling in DC is Easier Than Ever!

The District has started a new single-stream recycling program. That means that all your recyclables - paper, metal cans, glass containers and narrow-neck plastic bottles and jugs - can now go into the same container without sorting at the curb. **Single-stream recycling works whether you have a cart OR a bin.**

## About Blue Cart Recycling

By now, most DPW customers have received their new blue recycling carts.

Why carts? Because carts make recycling easier for you.

## How to Use Your New Cart

Wheel your cart out to the same place you put your trash by 6:30 am on collection day. Be sure to take both your trash container and your recyclables cart or bin back onto your property by 8 pm that evening. Large pieces of cardboard must be broken down and set next to your cart or bin.

## What About Bins?

The carts take the place of recycling bins in all but a few neighborhoods where space is so tight that residents have told us they can't accommodate the blue carts.

Those residents will keep using their bins.

## What Can You Put Into Your Cart or Bin?

### GLASS ▼

- Bottles and jars (Lids are OK)



### METAL ▲

- Food cans
- Pet food cans
- Aluminum pie plates
- Aluminum, tin, steel cans

### PLASTICS ►

- Narrow-necked jugs and bottles only (Caps are OK)



### PAPER ▲

- Telephone books
- Paperback books
- Corrugated cardboard
- Newspapers and inserts
- Office and school paper
- All clean and dry paper
- Shredded papers or mail
- Magazines and catalogues
- Paperboard - cereal and shoe boxes
- Unwanted mail, including envelopes

## Sorry, We Cannot Take:

- Plastic grocery bags (return to store)
- Hardback books (donate or put in regular trash)
- Wire hangers (return to dry cleaners)
- Paper and cardboard contaminated with food, chemicals or paint
- Waxed aseptic packages (juice boxes, etc.)
- Paper napkins, towels, plates and tissues
- Glass, plastic cookware or plates
- Yogurt/cottage cheese/margarine tubs
- Gift-wrap
- Cat litter
- Plastic utensils
- Dry cleaning bags
- Foil, waxed paper
- Window glass, mirrors
- Deli or takeout cartons
- Foam or plastic packing materials
- Bottles or cans used for toxic substances

